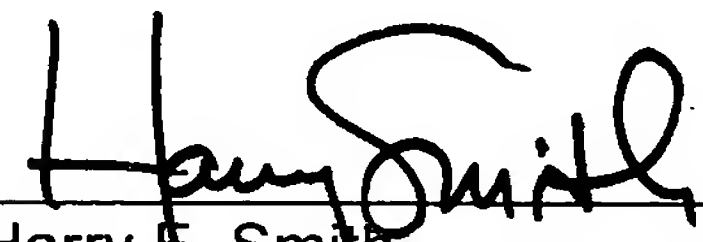


REMARKS

This amendment cancels the first occurrence of claim 3, as well as claim 30, without prejudice or disclaimer, and adds new claim 31 to correct a claim numbering error. Claim 31 is identical to the cancelled (first occurrence) of Claim 3, and no new matter is added. The amendment was not made for reasons related to patentability, and the full range of equivalents for all of the elements of the amended claims, as well as for all of the other claims, should remain intact.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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